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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EC

SUBJECT: EC DEMARCHE TO OPEC GOVERNMENTS

REF: BRUSSELS 4028

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT EC HAS APPROVED DEMARCHE TO OPEC GOVERNMENTS ON OIL PRICING QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE RAISED AT QUITO OPEC MEETING. DEMARCHE BEING PRESENTED JUNE 12 BY GERMAN AMBASSADOR FOR EC IN ALL OPEC CAPITALS EXCEPT ABU DHABI, WHERE FRENCH WILL MAKE PRESENTATION DUE TO ABSENCE FRG DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.

2. EC DEMARCHE, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WILL MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THAT COMPANIES' PROFIT MARGIN NOWHERE NEAR LEVELS CLAIMED BY OPEC, AND THAT OPEC ECONOMIC ARGUMENT FOR CHANGE IN TAX RATE THEREFORE QUESTIONABLE; B) THAT EC MEMBERS ARE DETERMINED TO OBTAIN TRANSPARENCY IN OIL PRICING QUESTIONS; AND C) THAT EC URGES OPEC GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE NO DECISIONS AT QUITO CONFERENCE WHICH WILL HAVE EFFECT OF FURTHER RAISING OIL PRICES AND COMPOUND PRESENT ECONOMIC DISEQUILIBRIA.
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